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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, Suite 222  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Comments on Docket 92-235

We are concerned about the potential impact of FCC Docket 92-235 on public safety radio users. Based upon evaluation of its impact to Curry County, Oregon, we believe the proposed changes will have serious and costly effects nationwide on local emergency response systems.


Curry County is a small rural coastal county in southern Oregon with a population of approximately 20,000 people. The majority of the land base is owned by the Federal Government which limits the land base available for population growth. The terrain is mountainous and contributes to radio coverage deficiencies even with the current system of 100 watt mountain top radios.

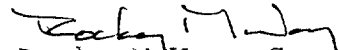
The proposals for narrow band restriction and power limitation would require replacement of all Curry County radios. The narrow band restriction alone would cost the Road and Sheriff Departments \$200,000.00. It is doubtful that the current degree of coverage could be experienced with the 5 watt power limitation and local experts predict it would take several hundred thousand dollars to approach the coverage we have now. To expect Curry county to imple-

We request that you delay implementation of this docket until alternatives for rural counties can be developed. We further request that rural grandfathering of existing systems be permitted since the reasons for the proposed changes exist in urban areas and in the foreseeable future will not exist in most rural counties.

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